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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 24, 2006, petition and payment for a three month extension of time being attached hereto, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

Attachments: Copies of "ENDOGEN Recombinant Rat IL-18" publication; "Prepared Remarks of James E. Rogan" publication; and relevant pages from "THE CYTOKINE Facts Book" are attached following page 20 of this paper.